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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A heat exchanger assembly comprising;
a heat exchanger core having opposite faces surrounded by ends and sides,
a first header manifold disposed at one side of said heat exchanger core
and a second header manifold in parallel relationship to said first header manifold and
disposed along the other side of said heat exchanger core,
each of said manifolds and having a constant cross section along the
length thereof,
said first manifold having a transverse dimension (A) perpendicular to said
faces of said heat exchanger core that is larger than the distance (B) between said faces;
at least one irregularity disposed along said first manifold,
a [[plastic]] bracket [[and]] including a pocket gripping said first manifold
and a pair of spaced flanges extending from said pocket and presenting inside surfaces
extending over and engaging said faces of said heat exchanger core that are closer
together (B) than said transverse dimension (A) of said first manifold for retaining said
bracket and on said heat exchanger core,
said bracket [[and]] including at least one deviation extending about said
pocket between said flanges and disposed in locking relationship with said irregularity for
preventing said bracket and from moving along said manifold.

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2. **(Currently amended)** An assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein
said deviation extends into said flanges for sliding said bracket over said irregularity
~~[first manifold has a transverse dimension (A) perpendicular to said faces of said heat~~
~~exchanger core which is larger than the distance (B) between said faces].~~

Claim 3. **(Cancelled)**

Claim 4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Currently amended)** An assembly as set forth in claim 2 [[4]]
wherein said cross section of said first manifold is round and said pocket is
complementary to said first manifold.

6. **(Original)** An assembly as set forth in claim 5 including at least one
support tab extending from said pocket in the opposite direction from said flanges.

7. **(Currently amended)** An assembly as set forth in claim 1 including
a second [[plastic]] bracket or for engaging said second manifold.

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8. (Currently amended) An assembly as set forth in claim 1 [(7)] wherein each of said manifolds and has a circular cross section and wherein said irregularity includes a ~~plurality of projections disposed in spaced relationship to one another along each of said manifolds and, projection extending circularly about said first manifold~~ and said deviation comprises [[includes]] a ~~[[plurality of recesses]]~~ recess extending about said pocket in [[each of]] said [[brackets]] bracket and [[for]] engaging said [[projections]] projection.